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#### **Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre Ground-Breaking Dec. 17**

A sod turning celebration for the new Holy Family Cathedral and diocesan Catholic Pastoral Centre will be held 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009.

The event will begin indoors at St. Joseph Catholic High School, 115 Nelson Road, with the outdoor sod turning held shortly afterward at the building site on Attridge Drive, directly behind the school. All are welcome to attend.

The largest project in the history of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, the Cathedral and Pastoral Centre is being built in conjunction with a much-needed new parish home for the growing Holy Family parish in northeast Saskatoon.

The contract for the Holy Family Cathedral and Catholic Pastoral Centre was recently awarded to Graham Construction and Engineering Ltd. Plans call for construction of the 65,000-square-foot facility to be complete by the fall of 2011 on 5.75 acres of land leased from Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

A *Uniting in Faith* campaign to raise funds for the project is nearing completion in parishes across the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, which stretches across central Saskatchewan from Macklin and Leader in the west to Kelvington, Lintlaw and Foam Lake in the east.


It is estimated that constructing, equipping and furnishing the new building will cost \$28.5 million. Holy Family parish has committed itself to raising \$16 million, with the diocesan contribution standing at \$12.5 million.

The existing St. Paul's Cathedral in downtown Saskatoon has been too small to function as a cathedral for the past 10-15 years. However, St. Paul's will continue to serve its vibrant faith community in downtown Saskatoon once the new Cathedral opens. The Vatican has given permission for St. Paul's to be designated "Co-Cathedral" in recognition of its historic status in the diocese.

The new building on Attridge Drive will also house the Catholic Pastoral Centre's ministry and chancery offices, resource library and archives. Some 40 programs and ministry services are coordinated from the Catholic Pastoral Centre, serving some 90 parishes across the diocese. The existing Catholic Pastoral Centre building in downtown Saskatoon is now too small to accommodate diocesan staff and programs.

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*The media is invited to attend the Sod Turning Celebration, 11:15 a.m., beginning in the foyer at St. Joseph High School, 115 Nelson Road, Saskatoon on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009. For more information contact: Don Gorsalitz in the diocesan Uniting in Faith office at 382-4238 or Kiply Lukan Yaworski, communications coordinator at the Catholic Pastoral Centre 242-1500.*

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,  
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.